

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 449 without my signature.

I support the intent of this measure, which is to ensure that legally trapped animals are euthanized in the most humane way possible. However, it is inappropriate to codify a specific standard in this area and thus limit the ability of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) to adopt future regulations on the subject. Currently, methods of take for trapped animals are appropriately listed in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. Any suggested changes to those methods should be presented to the Commission and adopted through the regulatory process. I encourage the proponents of this bill to work with the Commission to ensure that Title 14 appropriately reflects the most current and humane standards for euthanizing animals in a manner that can be readily complied with by impacted individuals.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger